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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Validity Studies of National Estimates

1. On 26 April 1955 the IAC adopted a procedure for two kinds of review subsequent to the completion of NIE's: an immediate post-mortem on each estimate, and validity studies after the lapse of an appropriate interval to determine how good the estimate was in the light of subsequent developments (IAC-M-194, 26 April 1955, Item 3).

2. In accordance with this decision, validity studies have recently been undertaken on those estimates agreed by the Board of National Estimates and the IAC representatives to be suitable for such an analysis. The attached validity study of NIE 71-54, "Probable Developments in North Africa," published 31 August 1954, was noted by the IAC on 6 December (IAC-M-221, 6 December 1955, Item 3 c).

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